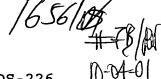


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In re Application of

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This paper is being submitted responsive to the Office Action mailed June 29, 2001 in connection with the above-captioned Application. The one-month date for response was July 29, 2001. This Amendment is being filed with a Petition and Fee for an Extension of Time for a period of two months. With this Extension of Time, the amendment will be due on September 29, 2001, which is within the six-month statutory period.